(f) No, Sir, because this is not available else where also.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) & (i). Earthquake is a natural disaster. Various Ministries of the Government concerned with scientific studies of earthquakes & disaster management take appropriate action.

(j) Earthquake is a natural phenomenon. Scientific studies for better understanding of the seismetectonics of the Himalayan region are continuing.

[*English*]

Dynamite Fishing in Kerala

1208. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether dynamite fishing is still continuing in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to stop this method of fishing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Milk Processing Plant in Kerala

1209. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for setting up of Milk Processing Plants in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA):(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Import of Copper Nickel Pipe Fittings by ONGC

1210. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been importing various kinds of pipe fittings of copper nickel metals from abroad; and

(b) if so, the value and quantity of such fittings imported during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of LPG Agencies and Petrol/ Diesel Pumps in Uttar Pradesh

1211. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of L.P.G. agencies and petrol/diesel pumps proposed to be allotted by the Government during 1992 in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the places where these are likely to be opened, district-wise and Company-wise; and

(c) the number of the applications pending in regard to allotment of aforesaid agencies, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B.

SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The allotments of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products are made on the basis of marketing Plans, product availability, etc.

[*English*]

Loss due to heavy rains in Karnataka

1212. SHRI C. P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the loss of life, damage to property and crops due to unprecendented rains in Karnataka during October, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The State Government of Karnataka has reported the following damage due to rains in October, 1991;-

i)	No. of districts affected	- 6
ii)	No. of human lives lost	- 37
iii)	No. of houses fully damaged	- 24362
iv)	No. of houses partially damaged	- 78285
v)	No. of livestock lost	- 1099
vi)	Cropped area affected (in lakh hectares)	- 0.45
vii)	Public properties damaged (Rs. in crores)	- 22.18
ix)	Total estimated loss (Rs. in crores)	- 55.12

Inquiry Re. over Reporting of Coal at Ballarpur area

1213. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inquiry regarding the over reporting of coal at Ballarpur under Western Coalfields Limited has been completed;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMA GOUDA): (a) to (c). Shri Naresh Pugalia, M.P. as a member of the Sub-Committee of Consultative Committee of Parliament for the then Ministry of Energy had reported extensive shortages in pithead stocks of coal in WCL. CBI has been requested to investigate into these shortages. The enquiry has not been completed.

In the meantime the coal company has intimated departmental action against four Sub-Area Managers of Hindustan Lelpeth, Ballarpur, Sasti and Dhuptala Sub-Areas. Besides, the managers of Chandrapur and Ballarpur areas have been transferred.

Employment to Local people in Coal mines of Chhota Nagpur

1214. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose